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25X1 1. The following trains carrying Soviet troops and materiel passed through FRANKFURT/Oder (O 53/V 63) (from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.) * :

1 October 1949

West-bound train of 40 railroad cars carrying troops, tanks and field kitchens.

4 October 1949

West-bound hospital train of 12 railroad cars occupied by soldiers.

5 October 1949

a. East-bound train of 32 railroad cars carrying motor vehicles and troops with red epaulets.

b. West-bound train of 42 railroad cars carrying troops and T34 and JS tanks.

11 October 1949

a. West-bound train of 34 railroad cars, carrying troops, trucks and passenger cars.

b. West-bound train of 39 railroad cars carrying troops, trucks and passenger cars.

15 October 1949

West-bound train carrying troops, guns, trucks and passenger cars.

17 October 1949

West-bound train of 34 railroad cars carrying troops, tanks, trucks and passenger cars.

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21 October 1949

- a. West-bound train of 36 railroad cars carrying troops, trucks and passenger cars.
- b. West-bound train of 39 railroad cars carrying troops, trucks and passenger cars.

26 October 1949

- a. East-bound train of 32 railroad cars, carrying troops, trucks, passenger cars and one field kitchen.
- b. West-bound train of 35 railroad cars carrying troops, passenger cars and trucks.

29 October 1949

- a. West-bound hospital train of 13 railroad cars occupied by soldiers.
 - b. West-bound train of 37 railroad cars carrying air force troops and trucks.
2. A train of four coaches occupied by officers and men of older classes, two coaches occupied by women and children and seven boxcars loaded with billeting equipment left FRANKFURT/Oder for BREST on 23 November 1949. The train had been assembled in FRANKFURT/Oder from shipments arriving from DESSAU (M 52/E 17) and FUERSTENWALDE (N 53/V 33). **
3. a. A train carrying 26 guns of 122 mm caliber passed through FRANKFURT/Oder on 26 November 1949 and proceeded east. ***
 - b. Trains carrying twenty-two 37-mm AT guns, twenty-eight 76.2-mm guns and twenty-eight 122-mm guns passed through FRANKFURT/Oder on 28 November 1949 and proceeded east. ***
 - c. A train carrying 28 rocket launchers, which had come from FUERSTENWALDE [redacted] was standing at the FRANKFURT/Oder marshaling yard on 3 December 1949. The train was later shunted to the passenger railroad station.

13 December 1949

4. A train of nine coaches occupied by 200 to 250 troops 25 to 35 years of age, three boxcars loaded with baggage and boxes and two gondola cars, each carrying two new, [redacted] six-seat passenger cars [redacted] left FRANKFURT/Oder for BREST on 13 December 1949. The troops were allegedly replaced and on their way to the MOSCOW area.***

25X1 Comment:

* Most of the trains presumably carried units which returned from maneuver areas. No comparable information from FRANKFURT/Oder is available for that period of time.

** Troops with baggage and dependents who returned to the Soviet Union for demobilization.

*** Outgoing shipments of weapons from the Soviet Zone of Germany to the Soviet Union.

The train observed on 3 December 1949 was presumably also east-bound.

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